

# ARIZONA STATE SENATE

52ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**DATE:** March 9, 2015                      **TIME:** 9:00 a.m.                      **ROOM:** SHR 109

**CHAIRMAN:** Senator Steve Pierce              **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Don Shooter

**ANALYST:** Liisa Laikko

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### ATTENDANCE

### BILLS

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>Ex</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Senator Driggs	X			HB 2150	DPA/SE
Senator Farnsworth	X				
Senator McGuire			X		
Senator Meza	X				
Senator Miranda	X				
Senator Shooter, Vice-Chairman			X		
Senator Pierce, Chairman	X				

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### EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Jeffery Whitney	State Forester	CONFIRMATION

Chairman Pierce called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. and attendance was taken.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Senator Pierce stated that without objection, the minutes of March 2, 2015 were approved.**

## **EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

### **Jeffery Whitney, State Forester – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED**

**Gideon Wagner, Natural Resources Committee Intern, gave an overview of the duties of the State Forester.**

Mr. Whitney gave an overview of his resume.

**Senator Meza moved the Committee on Natural Resources recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Jeffery Whitney as State Forester. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-0-3 (Attachment 1).**

## **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

### **HB 2150 – false claims; agriculture; technical correction (now: agriculture director; duties; enforcement) – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING**

**Liisa Laikko, Natural Resources Committee Analyst, explained the 6-page Pierce strike everything amendment dated 3/3/15 at 9:01 a.m. (Attachment A).**

**Representative Barton, bill sponsor, further explained the Pierce strike everything amendment.**

**Leonard Clark, representing himself, testified in opposition to the strike everything amendment to HB 2150.**

**Christopher West, Field Operations Manager, Arizona Humane Society, testified in opposition to the strike everything amendment to HB 2150.**

**Ana Kennedy, Government Relations Manager, Arizona Farm Bureau, testified in support of the strike everything amendment to HB 2150.**

**Patrick Bray, Arizona Cattlemen's Association, testified in support of the strike everything amendment to HB 2150.**

**Senator Meza moved HB 2150 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.**

**Senator Meza moved the 6-page Pierce strike everything amendment dated 3/3/15 at 9:01 a.m. (Attachment A) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

**Senator Meza moved HB 2150 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-1-2 (Attachment 2).**

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on the agenda items (Attachment B).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toy Brown  
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)